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STORY SO FAR: SPIDER-MAN IS HOLED UP IN THE LIFE FOUNDATION'S WASHINGTON, D.C. BUNKER, TRYING TO RESCUE HIS INJURED FRIEND, PROF. MIKASHI. MEANWHILE, THE JURY BATTLES CARLTON DRAKE, WHO'S GROSSLY MUTATED AFTER IMBIBING THE ARACHNIS FORMULA.
MY DAUGHTER... YOU MUST FIND MY DAUGHTER, MIHO!
I WILL PROFESSOR... YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!
NO TALKING!

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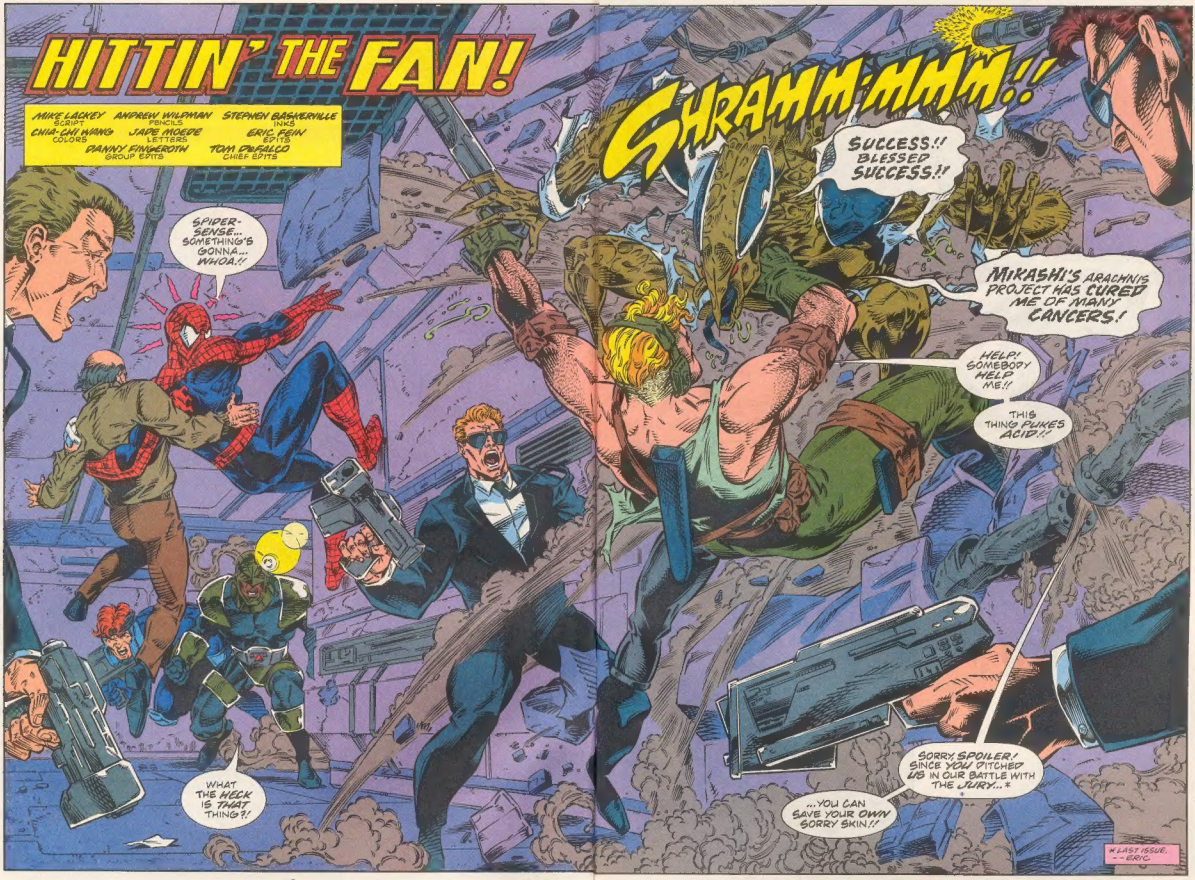
HITTIN' THE FAN!
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SHRAMM-MMM!!
SPIDER-SENSE... SOMETHING'S GONNA... WHOA!!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT THING?!
SUCCESS!! BLESSED SUCCESS!!
MIKASHI'S ARACHNIS PROJECT HAS CURED ME OF MANY CANCERS!
HELP! SOMEBODY HELP ME!!
THIS THING PUKES ACID!!
SORRY, SPOILER! SINCE YOU PITCHED US IN OUR BATTLE WITH THE JURY...*
...YOU CAN SAVE YOUR OWN SORRY SKIN!!
*LAST ISSUE. --ERIC

BUT NOW... I HUNGER FROM MY RECENT METAMORPHOSIS! I SEEK... SUSTANENCE!!
UHHHH... YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM THE COMMISSARY?
YOU!! DARK SUIT!! COME HITHER!!
NO... MY NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE...
...GRISLY!!
YAAAUGH!
GOOD LORD!
I AM NOW HOMO ARACHNIS... MY DNA GRAFTED TO THAT OF A SPIDER...
...WATCH, NOW AS I TAKE MY FOOD LIKE MY NAMESAKE!
IT... MELTED HIM!
AND IT'S LAPPING UP HIS REMAINS!
MMMMMMMMMM...
... WHO'S FOR DESSERT?!?

DON'T FRET, PROF... THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET YOU OUTTA HERE!
IT'S NOT IN MY NATURE TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT MIKASHI'S IN DIRE NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION.
THEY'RE ESCAPING!
CAN'T... LEAVE MIKO!
MIKASHI... SPIDER-MAN...
...BOTH ARE MORSELS I'D ENJOY GRINDING BETWIXT MY MOLARS!
BLOOSH!
SIZZZLE
YOW'ZA!
DRAKE'S SALIVA HAS CHANGED TO SOME KIND OF HIGHLY-CONDENSED MOLECULAR ACID...
...IT'S EATING THROUGH THAT TITANIUM WALL LIKE SALT ON A SLUG!
MY FAULT... ALL MY FAULT...!
YOU'LL NOTE THE DARK SUIT'S BODY DISSOLVED... JUST AS THE BODY OF MY LAB STUDENT DID!*
THE LIFE FOUNDATION HOPED TO USE THE MOLECULAR-ACID AS ONE OF MANY APPLICATIONS FOR ARACHNIS! WHAT MANY EVILS MY GREED'S CREATED!
EASY, PROF. I KNOW THAT GUNSHOT YOU TOOK HAS YOUR HEAD SPINNING, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD ON...
...FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S SAKE!
*ISSUE #1. --ERIC

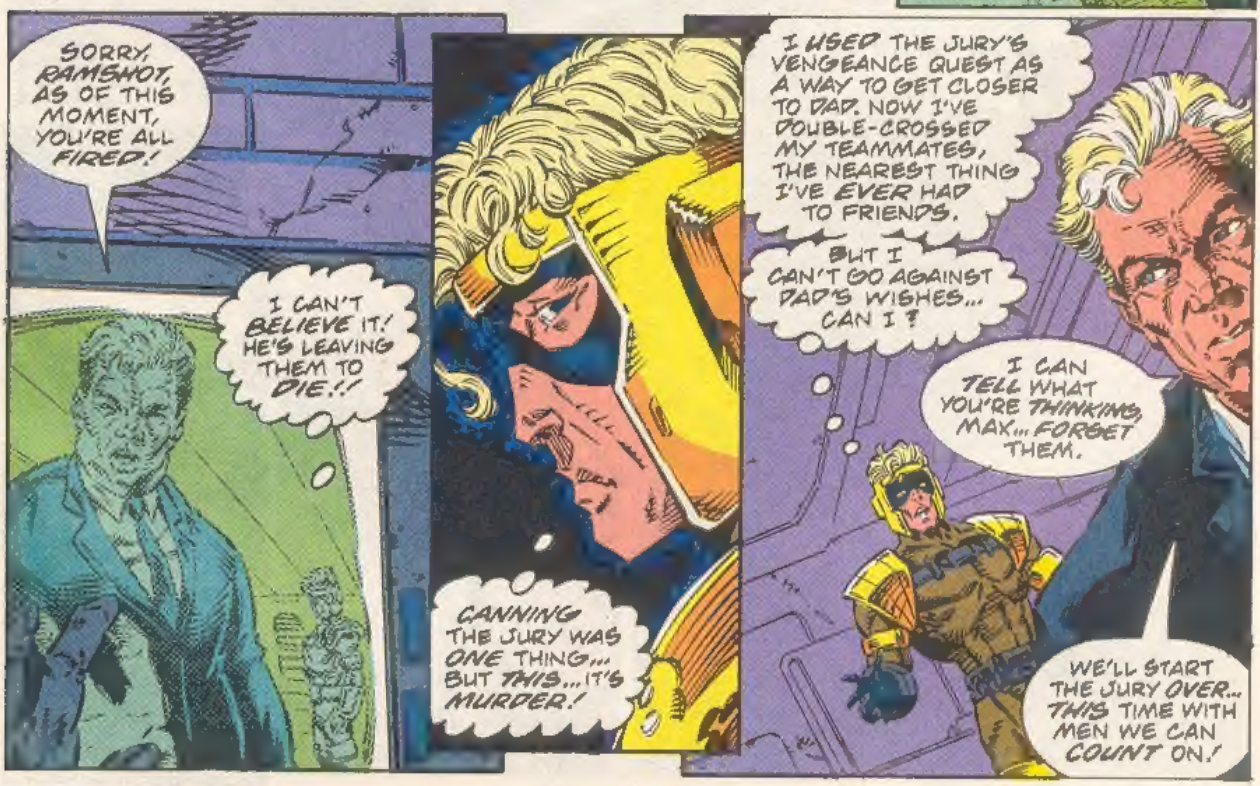
HEY, BOMBLAST... WHAT KIND OF ENDOMORPHIC-BOOGIEMAN IS THAT?
FIREARM'S THE SCIENCE MAJOR, SENTRY... ASK HIM! I'M TOO BUSY TRYING TO TOAST THAT CRITTER!
UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS... THAT'S THE ARACHNI-FIED CARLTON DRAKE... LEADER OF THE LIFE FOUNDATION!
KA-ZARK!
Pee-YOWW!
KZZZZZT!
HEY, DOES THIS MEAN I'M OFF MY DEMEANING RESERVE-STATUS?
HOW IRONIC... ONLY NOW... AT DEATH'S DOOR...
...DOES TAYLOR'S JURY BATTLE AS THE TEAM THEY'RE MEANT TO BE!
SKRUNTCH
OH, THAT TREECE WOULD'VE LIVED TO SEE THIS LAUGHABLE FRAY!
LOOK OUT!!
HE BROUGHT THE CEILING DOWN... CUTTING US OFF FROM THE ONLY WAY OUT!!
WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT-- AFTER WE DEAL WITH HIM!
NOW KEEP ON HIM! WE'VE GOT HIM ON THE RUN!

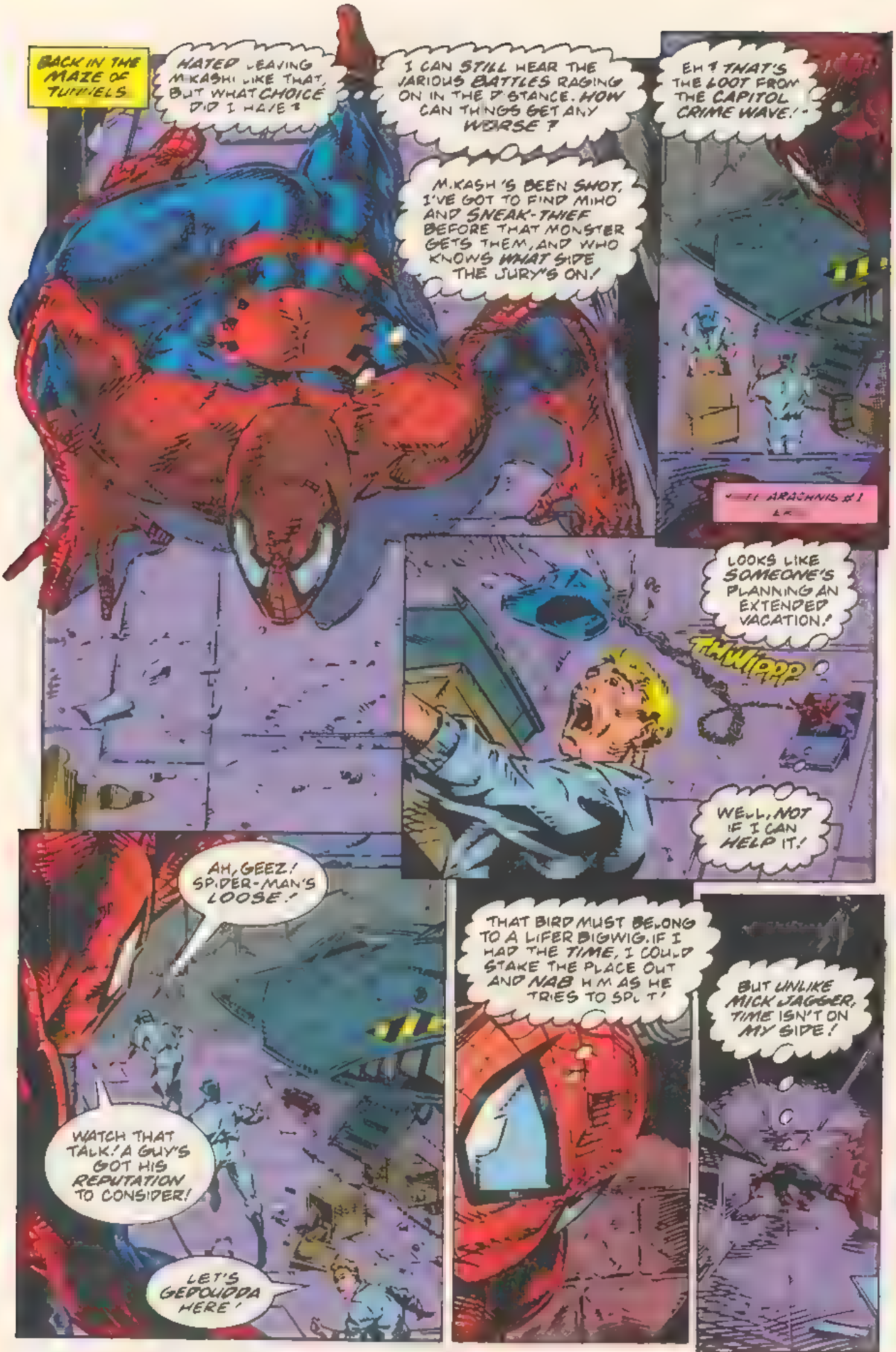
ONE LEVEL BELOW.
EVERYTHING'S GONE INSANE. I'D BETTER PACK UP MY THINGS AND GET OUT OF HERE! AS FOR MY SON...
...WELL, SCREECH IS RELATIVELY SMART. WE'LL MEET UP...
...LATER.
WHERE'RE YOU GOING, TAYLOR?
TH... THAT'S GENERAL TAYLOR TO YOU.
SHUT UP.
HEY, AGENT 77... THAT'S THE GUY WHO MUTATED DRAKE WITH HIS WEIRDO BUG JUICE!
LET'S KILL HIM!
YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME! I'M IN WITH TREESE AND DRAKE! I'M A SHAREHOLDER! EH?
ZAP ZARK ZAMM
ARRRGH!
AIIEEE!!
I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEY CONSIDER YOU MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A LIABILITY!
SORRY, BUT I ONLY STUN-BLASTED THEM.
MY SON! MY WONDERFUL, BRAVE SON!
WHERE WERE YOU GOING, GENERAL? YOU WEREN'T RUNNING OUT ON ME, WERE YOU?
NO... OF COURSE NOT!

IN A NEARBY AIR SHAFT.
SPIDEY, NEXT TIME YOU THINK ABOUT TAKING A WEEKEND OUTSIDE NEW YORK... THINK AGAIN.
MIHO... CAN'T LEAVE HER... BEHIND!
DON'T WORRY, PROF. ONCE I GET YOU TO SAFETY, I'LL GO BACK FOR HER... I PROMISE!
ALL MY FAULT... LIFERS WOULD NEVER HAVE KIDNAPPED HER... IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY EVIL GREED.
HINDSIGHT IS TWENTY-TWENTY, PROF. CHECK THIS OUT...
THIS PLACE IS REALLY FORTIFIED! THIS IS LEAD-LINED BLAST SHIELDING, OBVIOUSLY MEANT TO PROTECT THE BUNKER FROM A NUCLEAR BLAST.
OR TO PROTECT THE OUTSIDE FROM A SELF-DETONATED EXPLOSION!
UH, YEAH... I GUESS SO. BUT DON'T GET ANY CRAZY IDEAS, MIKASHI.
SPLANG!
WE'RE ALMOST HOME FREE!
HOW ARE YOU, SPIDER-MAN? THE DRUGS THEY FORCED INTO YOU...*
MY SYSTEM'S PURGED THEM, NOW. GOOD THING, TOO!
I'M GOING TO NEED EVERY BIT OF SKILL, SPEED, AND STAMINA TO GET US THROUGH THIS IN ONE PIECE!
* ISSUE #4. -- ERIC

MOMENTS LATER...
HOW CAN HE TELL ME TO WAIT HERE WHILE HE GOES TO FIND THE OTHERS?
EVEN NOW THE VARIOUS LIFERS DESERT THEIR BUNKER LIKE RATS FROM A SINKING SHIP!
THE LIFERS HAVE A HISTORY OF BLOWING UP COMPROMISED STRONGHOLDS. CAN EVEN HIS SPECTACULAR POWERS RESCUE MIHO IN TIME?
BUT ALL WILL BE FOR NAUGHT IF DRAKE ESCAPES AND MASS PRODUCES MY ARACHNIS FORMULA! TOO MANY HAVE DIED ALREADY!
NO LONGER CAN I SIT BY WHILE OTHERS ARE IN MOTION AROUND ME.
THERE IS A WAY, TOSHIRO... A WAY TO SET THINGS RIGHT!
DOWNSTAIRS.
KA-ZAMM!
SKREEEEEE!
NICE SHOOTING, SPOILER!
LIKE I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU, CREEPS! NOBODY STIFFS SPOILER ON A PAYCHECK!
WHO CARES WHY YOU'RE HERE? JUST DON'T CUT AND RUN LIKE YOU DID LAST TIME!*
* LAST ISH. -- ERIC
SUPRESSION UNIT... KEEP HIM PINNED DOWN!
ASSAULT TEAMS... FIRE AT WILL!
LOOK OUT... ARRGH!!
THAT THING'S TAKEN OUR BEST SHOTS... AND IT'S STILL COMING!

GENERAL'S OFFICE.
SHRED ALL DOCUMENTS, MAX... ANYTHING WHICH COULD HURT US.
I WON'T NEED ANYTHING HERE... EXCEPT THIS PHOTO OF MY LONG-DEAD SON, HUSH. IF ONLY MAX HERE WAS MORE LIKE HIM.
WHAT'S NEXT, GENERAL?
I'VE ARRANGED FOR A SHUTTLE BIRD TO FLY US TO A SAFE HAVEN IN LATIN AMERICA. WE CAN REBUILD THE JURY FROM THERE.
I'VE ALSO TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF BRIBING SEVERAL GRUNTS TO LOAD UP THE BIRD WITH THE PILFERED BOOTY.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE TEAM?
BZZZZZZT!
THE COMM-LINK!
RAMSHOT TO GENERAL! WE'RE GETTING OUR BUTTS KICKED HERE! WE NEED BACK-UP AND EXFILTRATION, ASAP!


SORRY, RAMSHOT, AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU'RE ALL FIRED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S LEAVING THEM TO DIE!!
CANNING THE JURY WAS ONE THING... BUT THIS... IT'S MURDER!
I USED THE JURY'S VENGEANCE QUEST AS A WAY TO GET CLOSER TO DAD. NOW I'VE DOUBLE-CROSSED MY TEAMMATES, THE NEAREST THING I'VE EVER HAD TO FRIENDS.
BUT I CAN'T GO AGAINST DAD'S WISHES... CAN I?
I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, MAX... FORGET THEM.
WE'LL START THE JURY OVER... THIS TIME WITH MEN WE CAN COUNT ON!


BACK IN THE MAZE OF TUNNELS
HATED LEAVING MIKASHI LIKE THAT, BUT WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE?
I CAN STILL HEAR THE VARIOUS BATTLES RAGING ON IN THE D'STANCE. HOW CAN THINGS GET ANY WORSE?
MIKASH'S BEEN SHOT, I'VE GOT TO FIND MIHO AND SNEAK-THIEF BEFORE THAT MONSTER GETS THEM, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT SIDE THE JURY'S ON!
EH? THAT'S THE LOOT FROM THE CAPITOL CRIME WAVE!
ARACHNIS #1
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S PLANNING AN EXTENDED VACATION!
THWIPPP
WELL, NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
AH, GEEZ! SPIDER-MAN'S LOOSE!
WATCH THAT TALK! A GUY'S GOT HIS REPUTATION TO CONSIDER!
LET'S GEDOUDDA HERE!
THAT BIRD MUST BELONG TO A LIFER BIGWIG. IF I HAD THE TIME, I COULD STAKE THE PLACE OUT AND NAB HIM AS HE TRIES TO SPLIT!
BUT UNLIKE MICK JAGGER, TIME ISN'T ON MY SIDE!

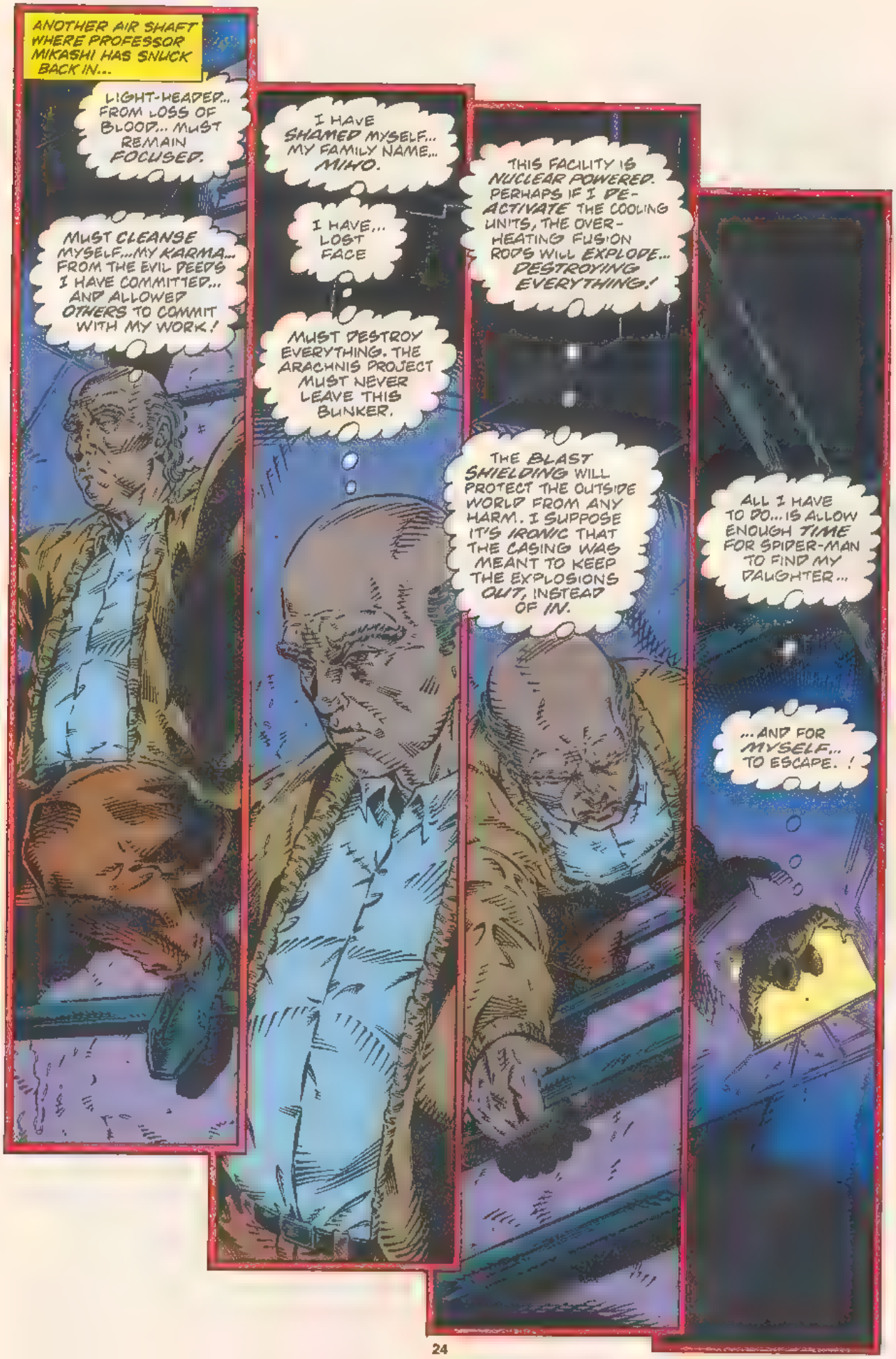
THIS IS IT, MIHO! THE JURY'S BARRACKS!!
SO? WHAT GOOD IS THAT?! HOW IS THIS GONNA HELP MY POPPA?!
YOU'VE GOTTA MAX AND RELAX, GIRL! DIDN'T I SAVE YOU FROM THOSE DARK SUITS AND SPOILER? I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE, BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO STOCK UP ON THE HARDWARE!
LASTION. ERIC
AND I MEAN SERIOUS HARDWARE!
I'M SCARED, SNEAKY! I JUST WANT TO FIND MY DAD AND GET OUTTA HERE!
I'M SCARED, TOO. BUT UNLESS WE BECOME A COUPLE OF PISTOL PACKIN' MAMAS WE WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
HEY... COME ON, LITTLE SISTER DON'T CRY.
I'M NOT YOUR SISTER..
NO... I GUESS NOT...
...BUT MAYBE I CAN PUT THIS IN TERMS YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!
BY PIECING TOGETHER ELEMENTS FROM THE JURY'S OLD ARMORS, WE SHOULD BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS ENOUGH TO KICK THE BUTT-INSKI OF ANY MAN OR BEAST THAT GETS IN OUR WAY!
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SNEAKY?
WHAT I MEAN IS... WE'RE GOING SHOPPING!

MOMENTS LATER
WHAT DO YOU SAY, MIHO? AM I RIGHT...
...OR AM I WRONG?!
CORRECT-A-MUNDO, BIG SISTER!
BUT YOU CAN FORGET YOU EVER KNEW THAT CRYING LITTLE GIRL! FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN CALL ME...
...GUNPLAY!
SOUND MACHO ENOUGH?
CUTE NOW LET'S FIND YOUR POP AND GET OUTTA HERE!

KEEP ON HIM, FIREARM... HE'S BACKED INTO A CORNER!
FOOLS! THIS IS NO LUMBERING BRUTE YOU FACE... I AM YOUR MASTER!!
I AM... CARLTON DRAKE!!
KZZZZZZT!
SKRAKK!
YEAH, WELL, YOU'RE SURE GONNA REGRET UPGRADING OUR WEAPONS, OLD MAN!
BZARK
HE'S STAGGERING!
NO... WAIT!! HE'S... HE'S RIPPING THAT STEAM PIPE RIGHT OFF THE WALL!
WATCH OUT, BOMBLAST...!
SSSSSSSS!
THAT'S TWO MEN DOWN! BAG THIS!
WE HAVE TO FALL BACK!
FALL BACK WHERE? WE'RE TRAPPED IN THIS PIT!
SPOILER! YOU BACK-STABBING COWARD!
YIEEEEEEE!!! SCALDING MEEEEEEE!
FOOLS! I MOVE WITH THE SWIFTNESS AND CUNNING OF THE GREAT SPIDER!

DO YOU THINK FOR AN INSTANT THAT MY PLAN HAS BEEN THWARTED?
I HAVE WON! AND TO THE VICTOR...
...GO THE SPOILS!!
RAMSHOT! SENTRY! ANYBODY... HELLLPPPP!!
HOLD ON THERE, MISTER
THWAPP!
IT SAYS RIGHT ON HIS JACKET BEST IF EATEN BEFORE AUGUST 15TH! WHAT? YOU WANT FOOD POISONING?
GRRRRRRRR!!! UNDERHANDED DEVIOUSNESS!
SPIDER-MAN! YOU CAME BACK!
TEND TO THE WOUNDED, RAMSHOT! THAT WEBBING WON'T HOLD HIM LONG!
LET'S GO, BUDDY!
GR-RR-RR
UHH
KA
RNNNNNNN, MY HEAD..
KRRTTCH!
OWCH!! I HAVE TROUBLE JUST YANKING OFF A BAND-AID

HANGAR BAY.
BLASTED MACHINE!
GOING SOMEWHERE, TREECE?
UHHHHHH.. NO? WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
YOU MEAN, BESIDES THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TOTAL SCUM?
ANYWAY, YOU'LL NEVER START IT UP FROM THERE. YOU'RE IN THE WRONG SEAT!
WHY'RE WE BOTHERING WITH HIM?
REMAIN CALM, MAX. MAYNARD IS ONE OF US, NOW. ROGUES FROM THE LAW... AND THE LIFE FOUNDATION!
I... I WAS JUST WARMING UP THE PLANE FOR YOU...
MAYNARD HAS PROFITABLE CONNECTIONS, WHICH CAN HELP US REBUILD.
THIS TIME THE JURY WILL HAVE AN EXPANDED FOCUS. DESPITE THE TEAM'S FAILURE IN THIS SETTING, I'M CONVINCED THEY CAN BECOME THE ULTIMATE SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE!
THIS IS AWFUL... WHAT HAVE I DONE? I'M NOT LIKE THEM... I NEVER WAS!
ALL I WANTED WAS ACCEPTANCE... LOVE... AND NOW... I'VE BECOME WARPED BY GREED AND HATE!
HOW CAN I FIX THINGS... IS IT ALREADY TOO LATE?


ANOTHER AIR SHAFT WHERE PROFESSOR MIKASHI HAS SNUCK BACK IN...
LIGHT-HEADED... FROM LOSS OF BLOOD... MUST REMAIN FOCUSED.
MUST CLEANSE MYSELF...MY KARMA... FROM THE EVIL DEEDS I HAVE COMMITTED... AND ALLOWED OTHERS TO COMMIT WITH MY WORK!
I HAVE SHAMED MYSELF... MY FAMILY NAME... MIHO.
I HAVE... LOST FACE
MUST DESTROY EVERYTHING. THE ARACHNIS PROJECT MUST NEVER LEAVE THIS BUNKER.
THIS FACILITY IS NUCLEAR POWERED. PERHAPS IF I DE-ACTIVATE THE COOLING UNITS, THE OVER-HEATING FUSION RODS WILL EXPLODE... DESTROYING EVERYTHING!
THE BLAST SHIELDING WILL PROTECT THE OUTSIDE WORLD FROM ANY HARM. I SUPPOSE IT'S IRONIC THAT THE CASING WAS MEANT TO KEEP THE EXPLOSIONS OUT, INSTEAD OF IN.
ALL I HAVE TO DO... IS ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR SPIDER-MAN TO FIND MY DAUGHTER...
...AND FOR MYSELF... TO ESCAPE. !

BROKK!!!
YONCH! SKINNED MY KNUCKLES ON THAT PUNCH! HIS HIDE'S AS THICK AS THE LIZARD'S! UH-OH!!
SPIDER-SENSE! HE'S GONNA LASH OUT!!
HE'S RIGHT!
REACTOR CORE.
EVIL! MUST DESTROY... EVERY-THING!
KLEEEEH!
CRASH!
SMASH!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME FOREVER, HUMAN!
I HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO END THIS BRAWL... AND QUICK!!
EVEN NOW, THE COOLING WATER DRAINS FROM THE URANIUM RODS... THE CHAIN REACTION... HAS BEGUN!
MUST REST... FOR... JUST... A MINUTE...
ATTENTION! REACTOR CORE OVER-HEATING! THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN T-MINUS 20 MINUTES.
THIS FACILITY IS NOW ON YELLOW ALERT OVER-RIDE OPTION IS TERMINATED AT T-MINUS 10 MINUTES.
THANK YOU, BUT WE WON'T BE NEEDING THAT.

THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN T-MINUS 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS!
WHAT?! WHO DARES?! I AUTHORIZED NO SUCH ACTIONS!
SOMEONE MUSTA HIT THE PANIC BUTTON!
AORRGH!
SMAK-KK!
THERE'S IS STILL TIME .. TO SAVE THIS PRECIOUS INSTALLATION!
SOMEBODY STOP H.M.! HE'S GETTING AWAY!
AND JUST HOW WOULD YOU SUGGEST WE DO THAT?
HE'S GOIN' DOWN THAT FREIGHT ELEVATOR SHAFT!!
LET'S GET AFTER HIM!!
NO TIME FOR THAT! MIKASHI'S DAUGHTER'S STILL TRAPPED SOMEWHERE..
...AND WE LEFT THE SNEAK THIEF IN THE DETENTION AREA...!
NOT TO RAIN ON YOUR PARADE..
BUT IF I KNOW SNEAKY, THEN SHE AIN'T WHERE YOU LEFT 'ER!

COMMAND CENTRAL.
THE PLACE IS DESERTED... THERE'S HALF-EATEN FOOD AND COFFEE LEFT AT THE WORK STATIONS.
THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN T-MINUS 19 MINUTES.
CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO WALL. I CAN SEE THE HANGAR BAY... THE JURY... AND...! LOOK!!
DOWN IN THE REACTOR CORE COOLING STATION... IT'S POPPA!
I... I CAN'T HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING! PATCH ME THROUGH TO HIM, SNEAKY... QUICK!
Beep! Boop Bop... Blip
YOU'RE PATCHED.
POPPA! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU... YOU LOOK...
THESE BLISTERS... ARE THE FIRST SIGNS... OF RADIATION POISONING, DEAR MIHO.
I HAD HOPED TO ESCAPE THE DEADLY EFFECTS... BUT I WAS TOO WEAK... TO TRAVEL BACK TO THE SURFACE.
SO... IT WAS YOU WHO SET THE SELF-DESTRUCT! BUT WHY?
ONLY WAY... THAT MORE MONSTERS... ARE NEVER CREATED FROM MY WORK!
THE ARACHNIS SOFTWARE... DIES... WITH ME.
NO, POPPA! DON'T DO THIS! WE HAVE SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE TOGETHER!
DON'T LET YOURSELF BE CORRUPTED... STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF...

NO, POPPA... I CAN'T LEAVE YOU.
MY ONLY REGRET... IS THAT I CANNOT HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS...
...ONE FINAL TIME!
NOOOOOOOO!
THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN T-MINUS 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS.
COME ON, GIRL... WE HAVE TO LEAVE!
NO! I WON'T GO WITHOUT HIM!!
MIHO... I'M SORRY... BUT HE'S DEAD.
LISTEN... IF WE HAVE ANY HOPE OF GETTING OUT OF HERE, WE'VE GOT TO HOOK UP WITH THOSE GUYS.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO LIVE. I HAVE NO FAMILY.
I'M ALONE.
I'VE NO FAMILY, EITHER. BUT WE'RE TOGETHER NOW, MIHO. CIRCUMSTANCE HAS CAST US AS SISTERS...
...AND WE HAVE TO LIVE! OTHERWISE, YOUR FATHER'S DEATH WILL BE MEANINGLESS.

IT'S THE GIRLS!
HOW'D YOU FIND US?
WASN'T TOO TOUGH... FOUR ARMORED GUYS AND MR. SPANDEX TEND TO STAND OUT IN A CROWD!
RRRRUMMMB-BB-BLLE!!!
ANOTHER EXPLOSION!
THIS PLACE IS FALLING APART AT THE SEEMS! DOES ANYBODY KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE?
I DO, WALL-CRAWLER!
MY HELMET'S EQUIPPED WITH A 3-D HOLOGRAPHIC-LAYOUT OF THE COMPLEX. ONLY PROBLEM IS...
...WE'RE IN YELLOW ALERT, SPIDER-MAN. ALL EXITS HAVE BEEN ELECTRONICALLY SEALED. OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO CUT THROUGH TO AN AREA WHERE I CAN BYPASS THE SYSTEM WITH MY KEY-CARD.
THEN WHAT'RE WE STANDING AROUND HERE FOR? LET'S BLOW THIS TACO STAND!
THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN 18 MINUTES.
AHEM!
???

NO... NOT NOW!! PLEASE DON'T LET IT BE...
VENOM!
HEH-HEH! THE ONE AND ONLY.
THIS FACILITY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN 17 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS.
NUTS! I WAS HOPING TO TAKE MY TIME, TEARING YOU GUYS APART...
...NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA RUSH!
HOO-HA!!
NEXT ISSUE:
VENOM v. THE JURY! SPIDEY v. VENOM! THE JURY v. VENOM! DRAKE MONSTER v. EVERYBODY! IT'S THE AWESOME CONCLUSION!